

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB378**

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike McDonnell**

**Committee: Nebraska Retirement Systems**

**Date of Hearing: March 02, 2023**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 398 would provide a list of 10 documents that may be used to demonstrate “lawful presence” for purposes of retirement system participation. Current law requires the participant to be a citizen or “qualified alien” under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act. An Nebraska Attorney General opinion (#22-006) in August of 2022 indicated that “qualified alien” was too broad a term to be used in the retirement system process.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Mike McDonnell**